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Niagara student awarded prestigious scholarship



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Haleema Khan of Niagara Falls is one of 50 Canadian students to receive a \$60,000 scholarship through the prestigious Schulich Leader Program. The Westlane Secondary School student will be attending the University of Toronto this fall to study life sciences.

When Haleema Khan began preparing for university, she knew she faced some tough challenges.

The financial impact of a four-year post secondary education was particularly daunting.

"I figured I'd have to start looking for a job right away to pay for my education," the 18-year-old Niagara Falls resident recalled.

Her concerns vanished with the arrival of an unexpected email.

The Westlane Secondary School student is one of 50 Canadian students to receive a \$60,000 scholarship through the prestigious Schulich Leader Program.

"I was in shock," she said. "I thought, 'did they send it to the right person?'"

Haleema will be heading off to the University of Toronto this fall to study life sciences. She hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

"This recognition is a reminder for myself to never suppress my ambitions, despite how daunting and challenging they may seem," she said.

Haleema was selected by Westlane's scholarship award committee based on her academic, extra-curricular and community achievements.

"Haleema stands out," said Carla Piovesana, program leader of the student services department at the Pitton Road school.

"She embodies all of the qualities of a well-rounded student," she said. "She's made an impact here and she will continue to make an impact at the U of T and beyond."

Haleema, who is the school's prime minister of student council, holds a 98 per cent average and is the founder of Westlane's Multi-Cultural Club and was a member of the District School Board of Niagara student senate and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

She also played on the school's badminton and volleyball teams.

"I've tried to immerse myself in all aspects of the school," Haleema said.

[Tweet](#) be tough sometimes trying to balance everything but I try my best."

[G+1](#) [x](#) [0](#) the Westlane community with helping her to reach her goals.

[SHARE](#) encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and explore all my options and really to not be scared of stepping out and seeing what's out there," Site said.

[AA+](#) [Print](#) "It is with great pride and gratitude that I leave the Spartan Nation, as I move onto my post-secondary work."

Only 50 students from approximately 1,500 applications receive Schulich Leadership scholarship each year.

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ur Schulich established the scholarship fund in 2012 to encourage students to become the next pioneers of global scientific

in the knowledge-based economy is an imperative," Schulich said.

nts the opportunity to devote their attention to their studies as all of their financial needs will be covered over the course of

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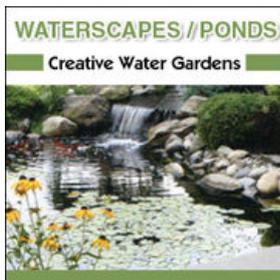
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